

# Welcome Back To The Stacks

by **Kaimi Rose Lum**

On June 1 the library opened for browsing. Our peeps are back, our books are going out. All's right with the world.

For now our browsing hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and we're looking forward to the time when we can get back to our normal "open" hours. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work toward that goal. We're still asking visitors to the library to wear masks inside the building and limit their visits to 30 minutes. We'll keep you posted as our safety guidelines change.

We continue to offer curbside pickup daily from 2 p.m. until closing. For the past 14 months, access to our collection was provided primarily through curbside pickup of materials, and many of you maintained a steady connection to the library through our curbside program. We thank you for staying with us, for your friendly presence at the front door, and for the encouragement and support (and cookies and muffins and flowers...) you've given us. Those of you who are not yet comfortable coming inside to browse are encouraged to continue requesting materials online at [clamsnet.org](http://clamsnet.org) or on the phone at 508-240-3760.

Online programs will be scaled back a bit this summer as in-person events, held outdoors, return. In July and August, the Friends of Snow Library will present a Summer Storytelling Series for families on the village green in front of the library. Funded by a grant from the Brotherton Foundation, the series features live shows by award-winning performers, starting with Bill Harley on Wednesday, July 7. Len Cabral is next on Tuesday, July 20, followed by Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell on Wednesday, Aug. 4, Diane Edgecomb on Wednesday, Aug. 11, Motoko on Wednesday, Aug. 18, and Big Ryan on Wednesday, Aug. 25. All performances start at 5 p.m. Please bring folding chairs or a blanket to spread out on.

This year's summer reading program (theme: "Tails and Tales") kicks

off with an outdoor Summer Reading Ice-Cream Party on Tuesday, July 6. Drop by the library between 4 and 5 p.m. to pick up a cool, sweet treat and a registration form and reading log. For every five hours that you read this summer, you'll earn one raffle ticket. Raffle prizes include gift cards from local businesses.

Also on the library grounds this summer: a magic show on July 8, a Story Walk based on Simon James' picture book "The Birdwatchers" on July 22, and a "Mythical Beasts"

scavenger hunt on July 29. We're scheduling plein-air craft programs, too. On Friday, June 25, Susan Casella will hold her first craft workshop for the summer in the garden area behind the library. "Paint a Flower Pot" starts at 10:30 a.m.; please email me at [klum@clamsnet.org](mailto:klum@clamsnet.org) if you'd like to sign up. Our monthly First Tuesday Book Club discussions will also take place outside; visit [snowlibrary.org](http://snowlibrary.org) for details.

We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Snow Library for their support of our youth services activities and for the wonderful public programs they were able to put together this past year, including two online semesters of Lifetime Learning, one in the fall of 2020 and one this past winter-spring. In April, the Friends resumed their outdoor book sales, and they will continue to hold sales on Saturdays throughout the summer in the library's back parking lot, weather permitting. An all-day book sale is planned for Saturday, July 3. Check our website for updates on these and other activities held by the Friends.

It may be a while before we're back to pre-pandemic levels of activity inside the building—with concert-goers rubbing elbows in the Craine Room, conversations without plexiglass at the circ desk, and babies teething on the Legos in the children's area. We'll get there.

Until then, we hope to see you during browsing hours.

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